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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: POLITICAL SCENE

SUMMARY: IAS SHIRAZ AGAIN TARGET FOR DEMONSTRATORS. SOME
RIOTERS CONVICTED, OTHERS FREED IN CIVILIAN TRIALS. ANXIETY
REMAINS HALLMARK OF POLITICAL SCENE.

1. AUG. 6 THE IAS BUILDING IN SHIRAZ WAS AGAIN THE TARGET
OF DEMONSTRATIONS BY APPROXIMATELY 200 INDIVIDUALS FROM
CONSERVATIVE RELIGIOUS ELEMENTS. GROUP BROKE WINDOWS AT IAS
AND SOME TRIED TO ENTER THE BUILDING BUT WERE LOCKED OUT.
POLICE ARRIVED AND DISPERSED THE CROWD DURING THE COURSE OF
WHICH WEAPONS WERE FIRED IN THE AIR.

2. PRESS AUG 9 ANNOUNCED THAT 24 STUDENTS ON TRIAL IN SARI
WERE FREED AFTER WEEK-LONG TRIAL. AT THE SAME TIME, PRESS
ANNOUNCED 13 DEMONSTRATORS FROM TEHRAN'S APRIL UNREST
HAD BEEN GIVEN THREE-MONTH SENTENCES FOR DISTURBING
PUBLIC ORDER.

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3. MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCED AUG. 8 THAT LEGISLATION
LEGALIZING DEMONSTRATIONS UNDER CONDITIONS LAID
DOWN BY THE SHAH IN HIS CONSTITUTION DAY SPEECH WOULD
BE PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT DIRECTLY AFTER THE SUMMER
RECESS WHICH WILL END SEPT. 5 OR 6.

4. POLITICLY AWARE IRANIANS REMAIN IN A STATE OF ANXIETY. WHILE MANY WELCOME SHAH'S LIBERALIZATION, PROBLEM OF HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SITUATION LEAVES MANY ANXIOUS AND OTHERS CONCERNED THAT THE SHAH IS NOT BEING POLITICLY FORCEFUL. A NUMBER OF CONTACTS NOW BELIEVE THEY SEE EVIDENCE THAT THE UNDERGROUND TUDEH (COMMUNIST) PARTY ORGANIZATION HAS QUIETLY MOVED IN TO TACITLY SUPPORT RELIGIOUS GROUPS LOYAL TO AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI. A NUMBER OF ACADEMICS BELIEVE THAT THE OPENING OF THE UNIVERSITY YEAR IN LATE SEPTEMBER WILL BE TIME OF CIVIL UNREST. THE HIGH MOURNING DAYS OF RAMAZAN, AUG 24-26 ARE SEEN AS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS FOR RELIGIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS. NAAS

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